An Introduction to Using SocINDEX

**INTRODUCTION**

SocINDEX is a frequently updated digital database that allows you to search amongst 2.1 million+ sociological articles spanning 1880-present, which encompasses all sub-disciplines and closely related areas of study. These include abortion, criminology & criminal justice, demography, ethnic & racial studies, gender studies, marriage & family, political sociology, religion, rural & urban sociology, social development, social psychology, social structure, social work, socio-cultural anthropology, sociological history, sociological research, sociological theory, substance abuse & other addictions, violence.

**GETTING STARTED**

Access SocINDEX on/off campus from the library homepage under the Articles tab. Click on A-Z List of Databases – SocINDEX with Full Text is listed under the “S” section. Access SocINDEX with Full Text off campus by using your Dominican email username and password.

**SEARCH BY KEYWORD**

Searching by Keyword simply entails typing a broad topic into the search bar, like gender studies, and hitting search. Your search can be further focused by adding another topic and searching by AND/OR.

1. Type your search term(s) in the search box. Use “and” to search for results that contain BOTH words.
2. Use “or” to search for results that contain **EITHER** of your search terms.

3. Use “**NOT**” to search for results that contain the **FIRST** word(s) but **NOT** the second.

4. Use **quotation marks**, (“ ”) to search by phrase. Example: “**Gender Studies**”

5. **Use an asterisk**, (*) after the last letter of the base word to locate words with variant endings. Example: Sex* will retrieve Sexism, Sexual, Sexuality, etc.
Field searching simply involves searching by Title, Author, ISBN, etc. In this database you can also search by abstract, geographic terms, people, etc.

Limiting Results

Most databases have a plethora of means to limit search results. The most useful limits in this database are Full-Text, Date of Publication, and Scholarly Journals.
How to Find Full-Text Articles

Full-text is an especially useful tool. If a full-text article is not available, you can request it through interlibrary loan by clicking on the “find full text in other databases” in the link below.
Search criteria:

Author: Moretti, Marlene M
Journal: Journal of research on adolescence
ISSN: 1050-8392  Date: 03/01/2014
Volume: 24  Issue: 1  Page: 80

Citation: Email ▼ or Export/Save ▼
Always check the citation for accuracy. Click this link for more information.

Sorry, no holdings were found for this journal.

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MANAGE SEARCH RESULTS

To best sort your search results, click on the relevance tab on the upper right hand corner of the results page. This tab will allow you to search results by Date Newest, Date Oldest, Source, Author, or Relevance to the keywords used.
In addition to relevance, you can also sort your results by page options, which allow you to customize your viewing of the results page.

Narrow Search Results

In addition to limiting search results by Full Text or Scholarly Journal, this database allows you to further refine your search results by source type, subject: thesaurus term, subject, company (country where article was published), and geography (country where the article takes place).
To properly cite an article, click on an article title from the results page. When the article abstract pops up, click on the cite icon on the right side of the page.

Clicking on this will prompt you to choose from a number of citation styles, like APA or MLA. Be advised that these pre-made citations often have grammatical errors, and take care to consult a citation handbook or Rebecca Crown’s citation guide, to make sure the citation is correctly formatted.
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